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## Governor's Council for Agricultural Development



### Food Security Working Group

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Minutes of the meeting held June 26, 2013  
Hartford Region Market  
101 Reserve Rd, Hartford, CT 06114

I.

Mark Zotti chair called the meeting to order at 9:07am

Working group member present were:

Leah Johnson      Wholesome Wave  
Michael Keilty    Maple spring farm  
Melissa spear     Common Ground School  
Don Prelli        Belltown Hill Orchard  
Kate Ballantine   CT Food Bank  
Christine Applewhite   CT Dept of Health  
Rick Macsuga    Staff

Scott Danis      Stop & Shop

In addition Governor's Council members:

(Representing Commissioner Reviczky) Linda Piotrowicz, Henry Talmage

II.

Introductions Working group members introduced themselves to the group.

III.

Background information and update on Governor's Council for Agricultural Development:

Mark Zotti provide an overview of the councils work and it's two specific charges as reported in the annual report-Grow Connecticut Farms.

IV.

Introduction of working group assignment-Mark Zotti introduced the assignment: Develop a workable strategy to increase the supply of CT Grown farm products in supermarkets and other retail stores.



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### V.

Development of draft deliverables-The group came to the consensus to provide ideas for workage:

Strategy as they pertain to CGS Ch.423-Sec.23-38b Connecticut Farm Fresh Markets.

The group also talked about food safety program like GAP and future funding sources.

Along with labeling of CT Grown vs. Branding of CT Grown.

### VI.

Determination of resources required-The group discussed the resources available or required for each component of the deliverables - Expand and Grow funding for Farm Fresh Markets. Grants either state or federal to help with food safety program requirements.

### VII.

Recap and next steps-Mark Zotti recapped the highlights of the meeting. It was determined that the working group had the necessary resources to provide the Governor's Council on Agricultural Development with recommendations.

### VIII.

Adjournment-Mark Zotti adjourned the meeting at 11:29.

Submitted by Rick Macsuga. 6/26/13